Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2012

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.7 percent between February 2012 and March 2012 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.7 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2012 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, travel tours, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also rose for homeowners' replacement cost, women's clothing and rent.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables, personal care supplies and equipment, men's clothing and non-alcoholic beverages. Prices also declined for fresh fruit, pet food and supplies and fats and oils.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.8 percent between March 2011 and March 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.9 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.0 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2011 primarily due to higher prices for homeowners' replacement cost, mortgage interest cost, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and rent. Prices also rose for gasoline, water and telephone services.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for fresh vegetables, home entertainment equipment, parts and services, women's clothing and purchase and operation of recreational vehicles. Prices also fell for children's clothing (including infants), recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and prescribed medicines.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Mar. 2012	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2012 to Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011 to mar. 2012
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	123.6	122.7	0.7	1.8
Food	130.2	130.4	-0.2	2.1
Shelter	146.5	146.1	0.3	2.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	106.6	105.9	0.7	2.5
Clothing and Footwear	98.0	97.6	0.4	-0.2
Transportation	118.9	116.9	1.7	2.4
Health and Personal Care	114.0	114.3	-0.3	0.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.6	104.0	1.5	0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	142.9	142.5	0.3	1.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	121.5	121.0	0.4	1.9
Energy	142.6	138.2	3.2	0.8
CANADA				
All-Items	121.7	121.2	0.4	1.9
Food	130.0	130.4	-0.3	2.2
Shelter	126.6	126.9	-0.2	1.6
Household Operations and Furnishings	112.7	112.8	-0.1	2.1
Clothing and Footwear	94.8	91.9	3.2	0.4
Transportation	129.5	127.8	1.3	3.8
Health and Personal Care	118.3	118.4	-0.1	1.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.9	103.7	1.2	0.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	137.5	136.6	0.7	2.0
All-Items Excluding Energy	118.7	118.3	0.3	1.6
Energy	159.5	156.9	1.7	5.1
REGINA				
All-Items	124.2	123.3	0.7	2.0
SASKATOON				
All-Items	124.0	123.2	0.6	1.6

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2012 to Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011 to Mar. 2012
Canada	0.4	1.9
Newfoundland	0.7	2.5
Prince Edward Island	0.6	2.8
Nova Scotia	0.8	2.5
New Brunswick	0.8	2.4
Quebec	0.3	2.1
Ontario	0.5	2.2
Manitoba	0.4	1.4
Saskatchewan	0.7	1.8
Alberta	0.0	1.7
British Columbia	0.6	1.6
Whitehorse	0.9	2.6
Yellowknife	0.4	2.6
Iqaluit	0.0	1.6

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2012 to Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011 to Mar. 2012
St. John's	0.7	2.5
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.6	2.5
Halifax	0.8	2.2
Saint John	0.8	2.2
Quebec City	0.3	2.2
Montreal	0.3	1.9
Ottawa	0.5	2.1
Toronto	0.4	2.2
Thunder Bay	0.5	2.1
Winnipeg	0.4	1.4
Regina	0.7	2.0
Saskatoon	0.6	1.6
Edmonton	0.1	1.8
Calgary	0.0	1.6
Vancouver	0.6	1.8
Victoria	0.7	1.5
Whitehorse	0.9	2.6
Yellowknife	0.4	2.6
Iqaluit	0.0	1.6

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